

Sinclair Broadcasting uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair's decision to force their stations to pre-empt regular programming and air this anti-Kerry documentary commercial free, days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is what the fairness doctrine addressed at one time.

Increasing partisanship is occurring in TV broadcasting. Sinclair is the broadcast group that refused to air the Nightline program that ran the names of American military killed in Iraq.

This is an unprecedented use of commercial airwaves for blatantly political purposes, and a clear violation of campaign advertising restrictions. It must not be allowed to stand.

Thank you.

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